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### **Extension of the Jones Falls Trail underway**

**BALTIMORE** —Great things are happening in **historic Druid Hill Park!** Soon, visitors will be able to hike or bike to historic Druid Hill Park around the Reservoir, past the Howard Peters Rawlings Conservatory and Botanic Gardens of Baltimore and the Maryland Zoo in Baltimore, Clipper Mill, Cylburn Arboretum all the way to Mount Washington. Baltimore City Department of Recreation and Parks is proud to announce that the Jones Fall Trail has entered the second phase of construction, adding 2.75 miles to the existing path.

“The Department of Recreation and Parks is always looking for opportunities to make Baltimore more bicycle and pedestrian friendly,” said Baltimore City Department of Recreation and Parks’ Director, Connie A. Brown. “The Jones Falls Trail will bring even more benefits to Baltimore residents looking for safe and traffic-free urban green space.”

In December 2006, the Jones Falls Trail was dedicated as part of the East Coast Greenway, a national trail system linking 2,950 miles of traffic free paths along the East Coast and connecting 25 major cities between Maine and Florida. It was Baltimore’s second trail to become part of the East Coast Greenway. Seven miles of the Gwynns Falls Trail have already been designated as part of this urban version of the Appalachian Trail.

As part of the East Coast Greenway, the Jones Falls Trail will provide recreation opportunities and alternative transportation options to Baltimore residents and millions of visitors traveling the ECG each year. The ECG is a major venue for long distance travel with the potential of bringing tourism dollars to the communities it passes through. In addition, the trail will provide local commuting alternatives and bring recognition and new visitors to

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the area. As a nationally recognized Millenium Trail, the ECG generates a great amount of interest in each individual trail that comprises the entire route, including Baltimore's Jones Falls Trail.

Last month, the Jones Fall Trail entered the second phase of construction, adding 2.75 miles to the existing 1.5-mile path. Upon completion of all five phases of construction, the trail will wind its way through Baltimore, from the Inner Harbor to Mount Washington, a total of 10 miles. The second phase is expected to be completed by January 2008, with a total of \$3.2 million in construction costs.

"We have the funding in place for the rest of the construction. It's all going to happen," says Anne Draddy, trail manager. "The Trail will be another important step toward improving the quality of life for the citizens of Baltimore."

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